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Summary of September 27, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Call for Press Identification**
2. **Comments from Faculty Senate Chair McDevitt**
3. **Comments from Faculty Chair Kelly**
4. **Comments from Provost Podolefsky**

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR ITEMS FOR DOCKETING

722 Request for Emeritus Status

**John Jennett, School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services,
Ronald A. Chung, Department of Design, Family and Consumer Science,
John S. Cross, Department of Mathematics,
Jim Becker, Department of Teaching,
Nick Teig, Department of Teaching,
Theodore Hovet, Department of English Language and Literature,
Grace Ann Hovet, Department of English Language and Literature,
Marion Thompson, Department of Special Education,
Bruce Wylie Anderson, Department of Economics,
Alan Shickman, Department of Art,
Mary Lee Cathey Wright, School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure
Services,
Robert Ward, Department of Physics,
Robert Clark, Department of Geography,
Shivesh C. Thakur, Department of Philosophy and Religion,
David V. McCalley, Department of Biology
Robert Hardman, Curriculum and Instruction**

**Jurgenson moved (van Wormer seconded) to docket in regular order. Motion
carried. Docketed as item 638.**

723 Report from Military Science Liaison and Advisory Committee

**Bowlin moved (Jurgenson seconded) to docket in regular order. Motion carried.
Docketed as item 639.**

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on generating nominees for appointments

Discussion on generating nominees for appointments tabled.

**Election of Faculty Senate Representative for General Education Committee-Laura Terlip
incumbent**

Laura Terlip elected as Faculty Senate Representative for General Education Committee

Election of Faculty Senate Representative to Faculty Strategic Plan Committee-Lauren Nelson incumbent

Lauren Nelson elected as Faculty Senate Representative to Faculty Strategic Plan Committee.

Election of Faculty Senate Representative to Center for the Enhancement of Teaching
Election of Faculty Senate Representative to Center for the Enhancement of Teaching was tabled until it is clarified as to whether it is required that this representative be a Faculty Senate member..

Election to Faculty Senate Budget Committee-Jim Jurgenson incumbent

Jim Jurgenson elected as Representative to Faculty Senate Budget Committee.

Election of Faculty Senate Representative to Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center.

Election of Faculty Senate Representative to Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center was deferred until next meeting.

Election of Faculty Senate Representative to Honors Committee

Sue Joslyn, Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Services was elected by paper ballot as the representative to the Honors Committee.

Election of Faculty Senate Representative to Military Science Liaison and Advisory Committee

Election of Faculty Senate Representative to Military Science Liaison and Advisory Committee was deferred until next meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF DOCKETED ITEMS

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Van Wormer moved (Nelson seconded) to table the Request for Emeritus Status of Mary Lee Cathey Wright, School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services. Motion carried.

Motion carried to approve requests for emeritus status for those requesting it minus Mary Lee Cathey Wright.

639 Report from Military Science Liaison and Advisory Committee

Sue Joslyn, MSLAC Chair, presented the report of the Military Science Liaison and Advisory Committee.

Romanin moved (Ogbondah seconded) to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

**Minutes of the University Faculty Senate Meeting
September 27, 1999**

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PRESENT: Kenneth Basom, Maribelle Betterton (for David Christensen), Michael Blackwell, Bud Bowlin, Karen Couch Breitbach, Carol Cooper, Jim Jurgenson, Jim Kelly, Syed Kirmani, Suzanne McDevitt, Lauren Nelson, Chris Ogbondah, Dan Power, Tom Romanin, Laura Terlip, Richard Utz, Katherine van Wormer, Shahram Varzavand, Barbara Weeg.

ABSENT: Lyn Countryman.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair McDevitt called the Senate to order at 3:19 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Romanin moved (Varzavand seconded) that the minutes of April 12, 1999 and April 26, 1999 be approved. Corrections were made. Minutes of April 12, 1999 and April 26, 1999 were approved as corrected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Call for Press Identification: None present.
2. Comments from Faculty Senate Chair McDevitt: Chair McDevitt commented that there are a number of issues for the Faculty Senate to consider this year. These issues include the Strategic Plan, NCA Accreditation, and the Curriculum Process.

3. Comments from Faculty Chair Kelly: Faculty Chair Kelly expressed his gratitude for the positive comments from faculty concerning the first faculty meeting. Kelly also commented that Provost Podolefsky's comments were well received and very helpful. The second Faculty Meeting will be held November 15 with President Koob addressing the faculty.

Breitbart asked if copies of the Provost's comments would be sent out to faculty?

4. Comments from Provost Podolefsky: Provost Podolefsky distributed a time line and explanation of the 1999-2000 Budget Process. Podolefsky will distribute a copy of his address to the faculty when the transcript is received.

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NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on generating nominees for appointments.

Chair McDevitt brought up for discussion the possibility of canvassing via e-mail the entire faculty for nominees rather than just canvassing the Faculty Senate members. Then an election could be conducted at the Faculty Senate meeting or via e-mail if time was a factor.

Cooper stated that only Faculty Senate members could be nominated for those committees requiring Faculty Senate representation and asked for clarity as to which committees required Faculty Senate representation.

Chair McDevitt asked to table the discussion on generating nominees for appointments until she could get more information.

Chair McDevitt also announced that Faculty Chair Kelly has graciously accepted the chairmanship of the Faculty Governance Review Committee. McDevitt hoped that at a future meeting a motion would be brought forward to reconstitute that committee and add members. Chair McDevitt asked that elections be held for the three committees which had a Faculty Senate member as incumbent.

Election of Faculty Senate Representative for General Education Committee-Laura Terlip incumbent

Election of Faculty Senate Representative to Faculty Strategic Plan Committee-Lauren Nelson incumbent

Election to Faculty Senate Budget Committee-Jim Jurgenson incumbent

Romanin moved (Cooper seconded) that:

Laura Terlip, incumbent, be elected as Faculty Senate Representative for General Education Committee,

Lauren Nelson, incumbent, be elected as Faculty Senate Representative to Faculty Strategic Plan Committee, and

Jim Jurgenson, incumbent, be elected as Faculty Senate Representative to Faculty Senate Budget Committee.

Motion carried.

Election of Representative to Honors Committee.

Nominees include: Sherry Gable, Educational Psychology and Foundations; Sue Joslyn, Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Services; Catherine Palczewski, Communication Studies; and Carol Weisenberger, History.

Romanin asked if other colleges were represented by virtue of appointment. Provost Podolefsky replied that the Honors Committee is an exploratory committee consisting of a representative

from each college, a representative from Educational Student Services, a department head, and a dean. The representative elected by the Faculty Senate would be chosen to keep the Faculty Senate and Educational Policies Commission informed. The National Council on Honors Programs Conference will be held in October. The committee has already held one meeting.

Cooper asked who is presently serving on the committee. Podolefsky replied that the following are serving on the Honors Committee: Jay Lees, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences; Joel Haack, Department Head, College of Natural Sciences; James Lubker, Dean, College of Humanities and Fine Arts; Janey Montgomery, College of Education; Steve Thorpe, College of Business; Scott Cawelti, College of Humanities and Fine Arts; Eugene Wallingford, College of Natural Sciences; Rowena Tan, Head of the Honors Program, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences; and Reginald Green, Director of Academic Advising.

McDevitt commented that none of the nominees are Faculty Senators but the representative could be asked to report to the Faculty Senate on a monthly basis.

Sue Joslyn, Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Services, was elected by paper ballot as the representative to the Honors Committee.

Power moved (Bowlin seconded) that the Senate unanimously endorsed Sue Joslyn as the representative to the Honors Committee. Motion carried.

**Election of Faculty Senate Representative to Center for the Enhancement of Teaching-
Hans Isakson incumbent.**

Election of Faculty Senate Representative to the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching was tabled until it is clarified as to whether it is required that this representative be a Faculty Senate member.

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Election of the Faculty Senate Representative to the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center was deferred until the next meeting.

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Committee.**

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Weeg questioned the request for emeritus status of Mary Lee Cathey Wright, School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services. Weeg questioned whether she has been at UNI since 1992 or if she left in 1981? McDevitt will discuss her eligibility with the Senate Chair of the School of Education.

Bowlin also questioned the request for emeritus status of John Jennett, School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services. His request indicates that he left UNI in 1976. Cooper stated that it's not unusual that when someone retires, they fail to sign the necessary paperwork to request emeritus status; and that he might wish to have privileges of emeritus status at this time. Kelly stated that Jennett was the track coach at UNI and still lives in the area and agreed with the statement that he would like to apply for the privileges of emeritus status at this time. The Senate did not have any further questions concerning Jennett's eligibility since he has been retired since 1976.

Van Wormer moved (Nelson seconded) to table the Request for Emeritus Status of Mary Lee Cathey Wright, School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services. Motion carried.

Motion carried to approve requests for emeritus status for:

John Jennett, School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services,
Ronald A. Chung, Department of Design, Family and Consumer Science,
John S. Cross, Department of Mathematics,
Jim Becker, Department of Teaching,
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A lively discussion followed on the elements of emeritus status.

Ogbondah asked if at least ten years of service at UNI was required to be eligible for emeritus status. McDevitt will check on this also.

Bowlin stated that it was his understanding that the proposal concerning the emeritus status form had been tabled and that it should be brought up in the future. Bowlin stated that if an individual has 20 years of service, that is an administrative decision and not a Faculty Senate decision unless the Senate sets criteria that a judgment is involved.

Cooper spoke against Bowlin's remark that an error may have been found.

McDevitt stated that she will gather the information needed concerning the old policy and bring it forward.

Open discussion was held until Sue Joslyn's Report from Military Science Liaison and Advisory Committee which is scheduled at 4:10 p.m.

Cooper suggested that at sometime there be a joint committee with the emeritus council to set guidelines as to how to notify the faculty of those who have died.

639 Report from Military Science Liaison and Advisory Committee

Sue Joslyn, MSLAC Chair, presented the report of the Military Science Liaison and Advisory Committee. Joslyn reported that this is the report to the Faculty Senate from the end of last year. There was no action items, just informational. The committee consists of 2 women and 4 veterans, all members of protected class. A representative from the Faculty Senate will be needed to replace Bowlin, who's term has expired. Joslyn reported that the first meeting of the Military Science Liaison and Advisory Committee was held today, September 27, 1999 at 1 p.m. Joslyn reported that the Department of Military Science is very pleased with their move from Lang Hall to the West Gym. Joslyn further reported that according to Dean Safford, Chair, Committee on Academic Program Review, the next program review for the Department of Military Science will occur during the 2002-2003 school year. Several national and regional generals visited the Department of Military Science last year and were pleased with the department. LtC Syhre, who retired at the end of this past year, improved the quality of the program and increased the number of scholarships available. Ten cadets were commissioned last

year. The purpose of the committee is to provide evaluation for teaching quality within the Department of Military Science. During the spring semester, evaluations of the departmental faculty were conducted. LtC Michael Depuglio is LtC Syhre's replacement and has a Master's degree in Education from the University of North Dakota. LtC Depuglio's last command position was in Germany. Two of the three staff who left last year have been replaced and they are waiting for approval of the third one. This concludes Joslyn's report.

Van Wormer stated that personally she does not see any place for the military on a university campus.

Bowlin commented that that statement was not appropriate for the minutes because it had nothing to do with the report. If van Wormer wants to make the comment to the Senate, that is fine but it is not appropriate for the minutes.

Van Wormer wanted to discuss whether it was appropriate for the minutes.

McDevitt suggested that we wait to see if it was in the minutes and corrections could be made at that time.

Romanin asked for the history as to why the Senate receives this particular report.

McDevitt replied that there are a number of committees that report to the Senate, some report directly, others don't. McDevitt stated that in her discussions with the Chair of the Committee on Committees, there does not appear to be a clear pattern. There may be decisions in the minutes and that decision making may have occurred at meetings and are not in any other document stating procedures.

In answer to Romanin's question, Kelly added that he believes that when the ROTC program came on campus, the Senate was charged with establishing an oversight committee and has maintained as such. Since it has been some time since Kelly has served on the Senate, there may have been changes in the protocol of that.

Cooper stated that there has been different choices by different leaders as to whether the Senate asks a certain committee who is to report to the Senate to do so.

Nelson, who served on the Military Science Liaison and Advisory Committee when Russ Campbell was chair, believes that Campbell developed a document of procedures for that committee and it specified to the chair of the Military Science Liaison and Advisory Committee that they should prepare a report and submit it to the Senate.

McDevitt stressed that it is important to remember that the university is a diverse place and it is important to maintain that diversity of opinions and values. McDevitt added that the report may be due to the fact that Military Science does not have an academic home so it is important to

have that link to the Senate to provide oversight to the academic process. McDevitt, on behalf of the Senate, thanked Joslyn for her report.

Blackwell stated that because of the importance of freedom of expression, he feels it is important to include van Wormer's comments in the minutes and would want his comment recorded stating his support of her comment.

Bowlin stated that the appropriate way to do this would be to bring a docketed item up from those individuals. Bowlin stated it is not appropriate for this documented item. Bowlin stated he is not trying to stop freedom of speech but that the appropriate way to handle it would be as a docketed item. The nature of the comments should only be relevant to the report because that is what is on the table.

Van Wormer stated that it is relevant because the last sentence of the report states:...we believe is an asset to the University.

Bowlin moved (Ogondah seconded) to receive the Report from Military Science Liaison and Advisory Committee. Motion carried with one no.

Van Wormer moved (Blackwell seconded) that the final sentence of the report, "We are anticipating a continuation of the quality Military Science program that we believe is an asset to the University." be removed from the document.

Nelson questioned whether the Senate can remove a sentence from a document generated by someone else and signed by someone else. Nelson thought that something else could be done such as stating disagreement with that statement.

Blackwell stated that was what was originally stated.

McDevitt agreed that anything that comes to the Senate is open for discussion and comment. It would be a serious matter to give up the right of comment. McDevitt had wanted to wait until the minutes came forward. McDevitt feels that it is very important that everyone have the freedom of expression and ruled, as the Chair, that comments which do relate to someone's opinion of something are admissible.

McDevitt added that Bowlin stated his view as well.

Kirmani asked what the charge of the committee was. If the charge was to evaluate teaching effectiveness then making a judgement of whether Military Science is an asset or not an asset may not be called for.

Jurgenson believes that the charge is more than that. It is an oversight committee for the department, part of which is to evaluate teaching.

Van Wormer is willing to withdraw the motion as long as her comment and Blackwell's comments are in the minutes.

Bowlin still has a problem with the Chair's ruling in that there has to be controls over what is discussed. Otherwise, anyone could bring up at any point in time any topic that they want. Bowlin stated that the reason that is not allowed is so that items go through the docketing process to discuss the different items. Bowlin added that by the Chair's ruling, it is opened up that any member at any time can bring up a topic that they want to discuss without going through the docketing procedures that have been set up to govern this body. Bowlin stated that it would be appropriate for them to bring up a docketed item, if they want to make that statement, for discussion and deliberation by the Senate and then voting.

Terlip noted that in the past there have been a number of people who have gotten off topic and made items of discussion which were included in the minutes. Terlip added that she would hate to see the Senate become a place where one would lose freedom of speech or the possibility of exploring other topics that we feel are related. If everything has to be docketed, it will stifle discussion.

Utz agreed with Terlip's statement and added that the comments that were made were clearly related to the report submitted to us.

Kelly stated that the appropriate action here was to receive the report and thank the committee for their work. They are an oversight committee and are doing what was asked of them. The discussions that come into play have a right to be voiced but motions made to address changes in reports of that nature, Kelly feels are not appropriate. Kelly stated that van Wormer and Blackwell could have made a motion to pull a sentence. The Senate would have deleted that. Then in the discussion, the minutes would reflect concern of the aspects of the language of the report as long as it's tied to the document being presented.

Power doesn't believe that a point of order was ever raised or that the Chair ever ruled that those comments were out of order.

McDevitt agreed and stated her belief that it is very important in an institution such as the Faculty Senate that free speech be maintained. McDevitt restated her thanks for the report and stated that she felt both sets of comments should be reflected in the minutes.

Bowlin wants the minutes to reflect that his opinion that the place for the military, so they reflect what our society reflects, is on the university campus because we want the military to reflect society and not be separate from society. Bowlin stated that one way of doing that is to allow the military to be on campus, receive an education through our educational process, which then would allow them to be reflective of society instead of being separate from society. Bowlin said it would be totally appropriate for the military to be on campus.

Ogbondah added that in many institutions the ROTC program is an important element in drawing international elements into the university. ROTC programs in many universities have to train the Air Force personnel of many smaller countries. They bring money into the institutions as well as foreign and national exposure. Ogbondah thinks that on that basis, he would not have any problem to see the program's presence on campus.

Blackwell asked permission of the Chair to speak based on the previous lengthy discussions. Blackwell stated that he thinks the history of the military has been a history of inducting poor people into the military service to fight war for the imperialist regime called the United States of America. Blackwell thinks that is terrible, and a lot of the people have been of African heritage. Blackwell thinks it is a travesty of justice that the military takes a lot of poor people in, gives them the carrot of giving them an education and it makes them susceptible to being called up to fight in battlefront at any time. Blackwell thinks that's why our country supports the military and we make our money by having military exploits across this globe. Blackwell is opposed to it and thinks the ROTC supports that trend. In addition, Blackwell stated there is a long history of people fighting at universities against ROTC's on campuses. Blackwell wants to be numbered among that group of people and expressed his opposition to the ROTC being on campus and military science being on campus.

Romanin moved (Ogbondah seconded) to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Prepared by Debra Laneville